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MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General
Deputy Director (Plans)
Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Information or Allegations Concerning Criminal Acts on the Part of Agency Personnel

1. The Department of Justice is the arm of the Government charged with the responsibility for investigating and taking action on any information or allegations of any violation of Federal criminal statutes by persons employed by or connected with the Government. I, on the other hand, am responsible by law for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure. It is obvious that if a criminal act were committed which involved information relating to intelligence sources and methods these responsibilities would be in conflict. I have established the policy that if the investigation and action on any information or allegation of violation of criminal law arising in connection with Agency operations does not involve a risk of compromise to the security of such operations or of intelligence sources or methods which would outweigh the benefits to be derived from prosecution, this Agency will cooperate with the Department of Justice in line with the latter's responsibility. The Department of Justice, on the other hand, has recognized that where legitimate security considerations would prevent prosecution or other appropriate action, investigation by them might well be in violation of my statutory responsibilities.

2. In order to maintain this satisfactory relationship, it is essential that we give immediate consideration to the question of disclosure to the Department of Justice on the receipt of any allegation or information of any violation of criminal law arising in connection with any matter under the jurisdiction of this Agency. Accordingly, any information, allegation, or complaint relating to any crimes involving Agency officers, employees, consultants, or agents shall be reported immediately upon receipt to the General Counsel with a copy to the Inspector General without waiting for the completion of any investigation. The General Counsel shall be responsible for obtaining concerted Agency action on each such case and for making recommendation to me on Agency action in relation to the Department of Justice.

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3. I do not consider this a matter appropriate for an Agency regulation, but the heads of major components will be responsible for assuring that the purposes of this memorandum are carried out.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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